

Grace Episcopal Church

Daily Bible Reading - Read the Bible in a Year

Reflection Class: **Sunday, December 28, 2014; 9:10 am - 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall**

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Day 355 - Day 365

Prayer: Ever living God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. **BCP**

Readings :

12/21/2014 | Day 355 | **2 John 1 - 13**

I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father.

12/22/2014 | Day 356 | **3 John 1 - 15**

Hospitality to all ... friend and stranger; watch out for false charges; welcome friends; Whoever does good is from God; Peace to you; Greetings to all.

12/23/2014 | Day 357 | **Jude 1 - 25**

To those called, who are beloved in God ... mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance; watch for the slanders of the faith; review of the salvation history; God will keep you from falling; all authority is in Jesus Christ to his glory with rejoicing.

12/24/2014 | Day 358 | **Revelation 1:1 - 2:29**

A revelation; John the seer; Here is how I saw it; words to the churches of Ephesus - do the works you did at first, Smyrna - I know your poverty but you are rich, coming persecution, Pergamum - you live in an evil place ... hold fast to your faith, Thyatira - you have faith but listen to the wrong people and sin; Let anyone who has ears listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

12/25/2014 | Day 359 | **Revelation 3:1 - 5:14**

More messages ... to Sardis - you have deeds but no heart; to Philadelphia - because you have kept my word with patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial; to Laodicea - because you are lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth; heavenly worship ... Holy, holy, holy, the Lord Almighty, who was and is and is to come; the scroll and the Lamb - who is worthy to open the scroll... worthy is the Lamb ...

12/26/2014 | Day 360 | **Revelation 6:1 - 8:05**

The seven seals, four horses, judgement, earthquake, everyone powerful hid; 144,000 from the 12 tribes; multitude from every nation; God will wipe away all tears; golden censer creating incense and thunder, lightening and earthquakes.

12/27/2014 | Day 361 | **Revelation 8:6 - 11:19**

Seven Trumpets - First blew - third of earth burned up, all grass gone | Second blew - mountain thrown into sea, 1/3 sea blood, 1/3 living creatures died, 1/3 ships

destroyed | Third blew - star flew, 1/3 of water tastes of wormwood | Fourth blew - sun struck, 1/3 of heavenly light gone | Fifth blew - opening of bottomless pit and smoke covered the air and sun, locust appeared | Sixth blew - 200 million cavalry let loose on earth, horse hoofs deafening, fire - smoke- sulfur kills one third of earth. Two Witnesses - measuring temple, professing in sack cloth for 1,265 days, and then the beast comes from the pit | Seventh blew - mystery of God will be revealed - God will reign forever, 24 elders give thanks; Heaven opened and his ark seen.

12/28/2014 | Day 362 | Revelation 12:1 - 14:20

Vision of the woman, child, dragon; Dragon defeated; Now salvation has come - Messiah in charge; Beast as the Roman Empire and emperors; 3 visions - 144,000, Babylon is fallen, angel with sharp sickle.

12/29/2014 | Day 363 | Revelation 15:1 - 17:18

Seven bowls of the wrath of God - preparation for judgment, the pouring of the bowls, sores, sea of blood, rivers of blood, scorching heat, throne of beast cast into darkness, demons infest leaders, cities fall; judgment of Babylon.

12/30/2014 | Day 364 | Revelation 18:1 - 20:15

Dirge for a fallen city (Rome); praise to the Lord - doxology; victory of Jesus and the heavenly armies; defeat of Satan, prison; last judgment.

12/31/2014 | Day 365 | Revelation 21:1 - 22:21 I saw a new heaven and earth ... heaven and earth are merged, temple is the Lord God Almighty; light comes from God Alone; John, wrote this ... warnings and exhortations.

Prayer

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Thoughts from others:

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